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SUBJECT: CHILE: MILGP REQUEST FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING FOR
INTERNATIONAL SQUADRON OFFICER COURSE

Sensitive but unclassified. Please handle accordingly.

¶1. (U) This is an action request. See paragraphs 2 and 3.

¶2. (SBU) Action request: Embassy requests the Department assist in conducting a Leahy Amendment Human Rights review, as well as a general name check, of the following Chilean Air Force officer who has been nominated to participate in U.S. funded training, pursuant to the Leahy Act and Foreign Assistance Act. Please transmit the results of such, including information not strictly covered by the Leahy Amendment, to Embassy if possible by no later than September ¶17.

¶3. (SBU) The proposed training is the International Squadron Officer School Course, to be held at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, between September 20 and December 24, 2008. The name and identifying information of the proposed candidate appear in the following format: Name, rank, unit, date of birth, place of birth and national identification number.

Cristian A. TAGLE Sepulveda, Captain, Office of the Commander, Chilean Air Force, 08/22/1975, Santiago, 12.871.693-9

¶4. (U) Post greatly appreciates the Department's assistance with this request. Embassy's ongoing investigation has not found credible information that the candidate has been involved in gross human rights violations.

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